

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 (currently amended). A set, ~~in particular for fixed comb-top comb configured to be used~~ on textile combing machines, comprising:

a plurality of needles which are arranged adjacent to each other, each needle comprising a foot section and a tip section, and

a free opening area formed between the tip sections of adjacent needles, in which the fibres to be combed can penetrate during combing, wherein

- the needles are produced by punching,
- at least the front end of the tip section is angular or ~~previously bent forward~~, and
- the needle density is  $>= 33$  needles per cm.

2 (previously presented). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle density is 35 needles per cm.

3 (previously presented). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle depth is greater than 1.1 mm.

4 (previously presented). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle thickness is approximately 0.28 mm.

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5 (previously presented). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle depth is greater than 1.3 mm.

6 (previously presented). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle depth is approximately 1.5 mm.